

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 are pending. Claims 26-31 are allowed, and claims 1, 32, and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Claim 20 was objected to for an informality, and rejected as indefinite. Claims 2-25 and 34-48 are deemed allowable, but are objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim.

Claim 20 is amended to overcome the objection and rejection.

Regarding the rejections of claims 1, 32, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), it is respectfully submitted that the cited references do not support a *prima facie* case of obviousness, because features of the claims are not present in the cited references.

For instance, claim 1 includes the features of "at least one transmitter that transmits the generated wide striped cells in multiple stripes to a switching fabric." The term "stripe" is defined in paragraph 0077 (page 16) as "one data slice of a wide cell."

Further support for this feature may be found, for instance, paragraphs 0080-81. In paragraph 0080, the exemplary embodiment is described as follows: "Data sent and received between each blade and switch fabric 102 is striped across the five cross point chips 202A-202E. Each cross point 202A-202E then receives one stripe or 1/5 of the data passing through switch fabric 102."

Further discussion of relevance is provided in paragraphs 0117 and 0131, among other places.

Claim 1's feature of "at least one transmitter that transmits the generated wide striped cells in multiple stripes to a switching fabric" is not shown in the Van Duyne reference (U.S. Pat. 6,721,313), at least as far as the undersigned can tell. The Examiner did not specifically identify this feature in

the reference. Accordingly, it is requested that the claim be allowed, or the Examiner further support the rejection based on a pinpoint citation to the pertinent portion of Van Duyne.

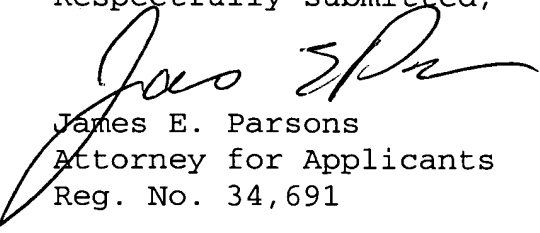
Regarding claim 32, it is submitted that the feature of "transmitting blocks of the wide striped cells across multiple stripes" is not present in Van Duyne, as stated above for claim 1. Claim 33 depends on claim 32, and hence is allowable for the same reason.

CONCLUSION

The now-pending claims are submitted to be allowable.
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